

Happy Holidays!

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Sommers Plans Nicaragua Trip

Several seniors will be going on internships next semester, but none compare to the one Paul Sommers is planning. He will be leaving Jan. 3 for Estali, Nicaragua. He will be there approximately five weeks with the Witness for Peace organization.

Sommers learned of the opportunity to go to Nicaragua through the Witness for Peace organization. He hooked that program up with a school program, an independent study research program. Even though he is traveling down to Nicaragua with the organization, he is not a member of it.

Witness for Peace, Sommers explained, goes to Nicaragua to stop fighting. The first time people from the organization went there, they found that the Nicaraguans didn't want to kill the people who were supporting them. When the organization is in Nicaragua, peace ensues where ever they go.

Following his five weeks in Estali, Sommers will travel to work on a coffee or cotton plantation in the mountains or in the plains of Nicaragua. He will be

doing this through another organization, Nicaraguan Harvest Time.

Nicaraguan Harvest Time is an organization that aids the

the contras. This messes up their agrarian economy. "By doing this," Sommers stated, "essentially they are killing their neighbor."

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Why Nicaragua? Sommers has several reasons. First, he knew about the Witness for Peace program and knew he could easily join them in Nicaragua. Secondly, the trip offered Spanish. Thirdly, Sommers is considering Latin American Studies for his graduate work. Fourthly, Sommers thinks he will find out what's really going on in Nicaragua. "I think what you hear from Washington is warped," he added.

Sommers said his family is very supportive of his decision to go to Nicaragua. "I'd be lying if I'd say they aren't nervous," he noted.

The first five weeks of his internship, Sommers will be living with a family and taking language classes. U.S. Embassy officials as well as pro-contra and sandinista leaders will speak to the group of 30 students. Two days a week, the group will do community service work.

Sommers commented that the two programs he is following

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Senior Paul Sommers.

(photo by Joe Shimala)

people in agriculture. Technology is poor in Nicaragua so they cannot produce as much as Americans. Also, what they do produce is often burned by

The Nicaraguan Harvest Time organization serves as free labor for the people so they can produce enough food to feed their families and possibly make a liv-

Core Winners Announced

Winners of the 1986 Best of Core competition were announced last week. Each received a prize of \$25. The winners are:

Core II — Kevin Klimara: Why the Study of the Romans is more beneficial to the Political Science Student than is the Study of the Hebrews and Greeks. Instructor: Fr. Heiman.

Core IV — Mark Lamb: The Civil War's Bloodiest Battle. Instructor: Anne-Marie Egan.

Core VI — Mercedes Sheehy: Will Population be our Biggest Hurdle? Instructor: Dr. Mehall.

Core VIII — Annette Klinker: Through Demented Ibo Eyes: A Role Playing Exercise. Instructor: Dr. A. Berger.

Core X — Elisa Sieu: Refugees: An American Problem. Instructor: Dr. Patricia Robinson.

Contest Encourages Christmas Spirit

The Student Association sponsored a campus-wide room decorating contest last Thursday. The first and possibly annual contest was judged by two teams of judges. The first team consisted of Tom Stefaniak, Fr. James Froelich, C.P.P.S., and Allen Berger. The second team was Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S., Sr. Donna Lietta, C.P.P.S., and Tim Campbell.

Students did not have to sign up to have their room judged. According to Therese Yanan, S.A. executive vice president, students just had to leave their room open to have it judged.

Each room was judged in four general categories: lighting, garland, ornaments and general atmosphere. Each category was worth ten points, making a perfect score 40 points.

Chris Dufor not only decorated his room with lights and garland, he had egg nog and

cookies for the judges. He played Christmas music and was the undisputed winner in East Seifert.

Yanan explained, "We noticed lots of people with good Christmas decorations and decided to encourage more Christmas spirit."

Each dorm had only one winner. Winners were awarded a \$50 prize. Winners by dorm are:

Bill Edinger — Bennett
Chris Dufor and Tim Lax — East Seifert

Don Anderson — Gallagher
Angie Bruns — Halas
Natalie Penz — East Justin
Joanie and Joy Horvat — West Justin

George Arvanitis — Merlini
Paul McGuinness — Noll
Steve Keilman and Bob Pieper — Schweiterman

Rod Colter and Greg Timmons — West Seifert



Select member of Bill Hogan's marketing-management class presents a check for over \$250 to Special Olympics athletes in the Bi-County Chapter. The class raised the money by marketing, producing, and distributing chocolate covered peanut butter balls.

(photo by Mark Orlando)

Christmas Traditions Around The World

Along with the general Christmas traditions of giving gifts and trimming the tree, is the recognition of universal peace and joy. The holiday season is one time during the year when thoughts turn to a caring and genuine concern for our neighbors — whomever they may be. What better way to join in the spirit of wordly understanding than to share this special event. With that in mind, we at STUFF wish to introduce you to the Christmas customs of some not so far-away lands.

In Austria Christmas fairs usually begin on the first Sunday of Advent in November or December, and many last until the singing of "Silent Night" on Christmas Eve. This song, which is also an American favorite, has particular significance here because it was written by two Austrian friends, Fr. Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber, who sang it for the first time on Christmas Eve, 1818.

Those who wish to see a very moving and sincere ceremony in simple surroundings walk to Les Baux in France for the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. There shepherds and shepherdesses approach the church carrying

candles while tambourines are sounded. At one point a ram pulls a chariot bearing a lamb that is to be offered as a sacrifice; and all shepherds offer gifts.

At Nuremberg, Germany, the annual Christ Child Fair is opened by a youngster who impersonates the Christ Child, and two angels, who appear on the gallery of the Church of Our Lady to invite everyone to visit the fair and buy the famous Nuremberg toys, gingerbread, and tinsel angels. Today at the fair, children have a homemade lantern parade on December 21, which starts at the Fleisch Bridge and finishes at the castle with all singing Christmas carols.

Finally, on January 6 the people of Rome, Italy, top off the Christmas celebration with the Feast of the Epiphany by holding a traditional fair at Piazza Navona, which was once a race course for chariots. At the same time in Rivisondole, an Abruzzi maiden is chosen to impersonate the Virgin Mary in the living persepe, a representation of the Nativity staged there every year.

Frohliche-Weihnachten!
Joyeaux Noel! Buone Natale!
Merry Christmas — to all!



Junior Jim Jones presents Genny Lockard with a stuffed teddy bear as he plays Santa at the Annual Gallagher Charitable Christmas Party. The society collects toys to give to underprivileged children at Christmas.
(photo by Mark Orlando)

The Puzzle

Answer to last puzzle

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15 Indian mulberry
16 Stirred to action
18 Hebrew letter
19 Ancient Roman weight
21 Otherwise
22 Part of fireplace
24 The sweetsop
26 Grant use of
28 Single
29 Repasts
31 Blunt end
33 Teutonic deity
34 Partner
36 Wild plum
38 Sun god
40 Sweet potatoes

- 42 Paramour
45 Pallor
47 Ivy League university
49 Be borne
50 Entreaty
52 Title
54 Chinese distance measure
55 That is: abbr.
56 Post
59 Exist
61 Autocrat
63 Gossip
65 Adhesive substance
66 Symbol for tin
67 Above: poetic

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- 1 King of Judah
2 Roof of mouth
3 Agave plant
4 Golf cry

- 5 Fish from moving boat
6 Feels indignant at

- 7 Hall
8 Small lumps
9 Revised: abbr.
10 Grumble
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14 Hinder
17 Employ
20 Juncture
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24 Forenoon
25 Kill
27 Uninteresting
30 Remain
32 Peasant
35 Issue forth
37 Bad
38 Swift
39 Slumbering
41 Narrow, flat board
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46 That man
48 Sends forth
51 Snakes
53 Pertaining to the dawn
57 Small child
58 Symbol for niton
60 Without end: poetic
62 A continent: abbr.
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Christmas Times A' Changing: COMMENTARY BY BARCLAY DWIGHT

The birth of Jesus Christ is honored on a day we regard as Christmas — a time of celebration. A question, however, arises with the general usage of the term "celebration." By whose methods do we base our definition? More interestingly, whose generation?

One may wonder around this time of the year (when shopping for gifts and searching for the perfect Christmas trees become all consuming quests) how these next couple of weeks were spent fifty, sixty, or seventy years ago. Surely we could each cite several

methods of celebration by which we have so routinely become familiar. But do we have even an inkling of how our parents or grandparents celebrated their Christmases past?

If our parents' and grandparents' Christmases were, indeed, different than those of today, might the term different be used synonymously with either better or worse?

I questioned my father on his childhood Christmas experiences. His comments did not demean modern day's celebration of Christmas, but instead he

spoke calmly of fond memories. He recalled having a friend of his brother's dress up as Santa and having close friends come to his house on Christmas Eve (a time his family would spend opening some of their gifts). Stringing popcorn and tediously draping icicles were two very common ways they would decorate their tree — around which he remembered there was always a running train.

My father blurted, "No!" when asked if he had received any gifts relevant to such prestigious items as Guess jeans. His gifts

received had been strictly useful ones. This did not mean that he had received rakes, shovels and pickaxes in his stocking, but rather he mentioned such things as sleds, clothes and skates. One last thing he commented on was that whether or not things had changed through the years, one thing has, and will always remain a constant; that no matter how nice a Christmas tree a husband picks out, his wife will always complain!

My grandmother, Louisa Cariste, took this view back one more step to her generation. Her

memories matched many of my father's, but she seemed to place a little more emphasis on the family. She remembered there always being a family-like relationship amongst friends, and doing a lot of visiting and receiving lots of visitors. She reminded me that during this time, 1928 and 1929, the stock market crashed and when she got married in 1933, her husband Anthony was making only \$28 a week. This, in turn, also resulted in her receiving those gifts which she truly needed.

Another thing that appeared to remain so vivid in her memory was that with each Christmas her grandparents would erect a manger set in their basement. She recalled her grandfather placing real grass about the manger and trimming it as if it was a regular lawn. The statues were of good size and were all brought from Italy by her grandfather. There had also been a train tirelessly circling their Christmas tree as well. One final comment she offered concerned the weather, "It seems as if there was more snow back then ... up to our chests!" I wonder if our youthful memories will allow it to snow ever again so greatly during our adulthood.

Two earlier generations' experiences with Christmas celebrations may lead us to questions concerning how much has Christmas really changed? Can we say our parents' and grandparents' Christmases were better or worse than ours today or are they just different? I wonder.

'Twas Two Weeks Before Christmas

A Revision Of "The Night Before Christmas"

Courtesy Of John Rahe

'Twas two weeks before Christmas
and all through the class,
the students were hoping
that somehow they'd pass.

Their faces all stared
at the clock with such care,
they could leave in two minutes
if the prof wasn't there.

The kids at their desks were
all lined up in their places,
while visions of cancelled classes
danced on their faces.

I with my books,
the rest with theirs too,
were packing to leave
this educational zoo,
when from out in the hallway
there came such a sound
the students stopped packing
and all turned around.

And what to our disappointed
eyes did appear
but one rampaging teacher,
quite mad, it was clear.

From the way that she
passed out the papers so quick
I knew in an instant
I was bound to be sick.

When she finished distribution
she whirled and said
"Anybody caught cheating
will be surely killed dead.

No looking at papers
that are not your own.
Now all go to work!"
We looked down and groaned.

There were questions for matching
and multiple choice

and an essay involving
the works of James Joyce.

There were questions arcane
and questions acute.
There were questions that
would stump them
in Trivial Pursuit.

About halfway through,
I thought I would spy.
I looked up and just met
a cold, glaring eye.

She seemed somehow to sense
I was going to cheat
so I quickly looked down
and cowered low in my seat.

That woman saw everything,
with her dark eyes ablazing.
Her peripheral vision
was downright amazing.

And then it happened.
It seemed like a crime.
The lady just smiled
and announced, "No more time."

We all knew we'd blown it
our schooling was through.
We'd flunked so badly
there was nothing to do.

We sat in stunned silence
our heads hanging low,
like educational refugees
with nowhere to go.

Then the lady looked up
and gave us a grin,
as if to make fun of
the fools we'd been.

And then she just chuckled
and said to us massed,
"This test will count nothing
you all have passed."

She got up to leave
reached the door, turned, and said,
"Don't worry about grades,
have a Merry Christmas instead."



SJC Smashes Spartans

Stitz Surpasses 1,000 Point Mark



John Stitz shoots above a defender in varsity basketball action. Stitz scored his 1,000th career point recently in a game against Manchester College.

(photo by Joe Shimala)

By Mike Monahan

In a non-conference game at Alumni Fieldhouse Dec. 4 the Pumas rolled to their seventh victory of the season by defeating the Manchester Spartans 86-53.

The Pumas scored the first eight points of the game on baskets by Todd Kennard and John Stitz. Stitz joined other outstanding Puma players by scoring the 1,000 and 1,001 point of his Saint Joe career on a layup with 14:25 remaining in the first half. The Pumas had a 12-4 lead.

With 9:41 left in the first half Manchester got within three points of the Pumas at 16-13. Stan Kappers made three quick baskets in a row including a reverse shot, a layup and a slam dunk to build the Puma lead back up to nine with 7:15 left in the first half. The Pumas led at halftime 37-25.

The Pumas continued to run over the Spartans as they stretched their lead to 65-39 after a layup by Kennard. Chris Brown's tenacious slam dunk made the score 77-51 with 4:32 left in the game. The Pumas went on to win 86-53.

Saint Joe was led in scoring by Kappers with 23 points. Kennard and Stitz were also double digit scorers with 21 and 18 respectively. Other Puma scorers were Brown, Steinman, Cromer, Alicea, Keyser and Stunda.

Kappers was also the leading rebounder with 11. Alicea led the team with nine assists. Kennard led with four steals. Brown blocked four Spartan shots and Kappers added two blocks also.

The Pumas were 32-53 from the field and 2-5 in three point shots, coming from Alicea and Kennard. The Pumas outrebounded the Spartans 37-27 and forced 26 turnovers along

with seven blocked shots. SJC made an unbelievable 16-17 from the free throw line.

Manchester was led in scoring by Jere Eaton's 19 points. The Spartans shot 17-50 from the field and 6-12 in the three point range. Eaton made two and Todd Martin hit the other four.

The Pumas defeated Huntington Thursday night by a final score of 108-76. This pushed their record to 8-2.

REPORTER'S CRITIQUE

Saint Joe looks extremely good although I have not seen them play any tough competition yet. To me it looks like the Pumas have a good chance at winning the GLVC if they continue to rebound and fast break as well as they have been.

The defense looks pretty good. The players are playing with great intensity, desire and hustle. This is the mark of a successful team.

PUMA TRIVIA

How many times in the last five years have the men's basketball team surpassed the 100-point mark?

PUMA BASKETBALL

PUMA TRIVIA

Name all the women who have scored 1,000 points or more playing SJC basketball.

Lady Pumas Pull Out OT Victory

By Mary Ryan

The Lady Pumas started their season Tuesday, Dec. 2 with a victory over Huntington College. They needed an overtime period to defeat Huntington 67-66.

Senior tri-captain Judy Stewart led the Pumas with 16 points and 8 rebounds. Sophomore tri-captain Tracey Payne added 11 points and freshman Corey Krekeler had a team best 10 rebounds.

Trailing through most of the low scoring game, the Pumas made their strong comeback late in the second half. At the end of regulation time, the score was tied at 57.

In the overtime period, free throw shooting made the difference for the Pumas. Stewart,

freshman Jeanette Yeoman and sophomore Cheryl Vail made the critical free throws with less than one minute left in the game. Vail's three point play with 12 seconds left put the Pumas on top for good.

Over that weekend, the Pumas traveled to Grand Valley State in Michigan. They put in a real effort against the nationally ranked team only to fall short by four points, 87-83.

Stewart once again led all scorers with 20 points. Payne added 15 points and Yeoman scored 16.

The Lady Pumas play at the University of Southern Indiana and Kentucky Wesleyan over Christmas break.



Debbie Ricard puts up a jump shot in a Lady Puma basketball game.

(photo by Joe Shimala)

(Sommers, from p. 1)

have absolutely no correlation. The only thing they have in common is that Sommers will be participating in both programs while he is in Nicaragua.

Sommers found it interesting that the brochures about Nicaragua imply that the people of Nicaragua know that the U.S. government isn't representing the people per se. They see the difference between U.S. people and the U.S. government.

Sommers concluded saying that he is glad the people understand the differences between the government and the people because if he had to go down there representing the U.S. and its government, he would be afraid of being killed. By going to Nicaragua, Sommers states, "This is my way of showing my disapproval of what the U.S. government is doing there."